



State of Indiana
Governor's Residence Commission
4750 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

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Chairman

A Timeline of 4750 N. Meridian St.

2006

The Indiana Governor's Residence Commission appointed three chairpersons to coordinate the management of the renovation project. The chairpersons developed criteria for the interior designers to meet that included a high level of experience, good reputation and willingness to work in collaboration. The designers chosen were James A. Baker and Patrick Schmidt of J. Baker Interiors in Carmel, Indiana, and James T. Ruthenburg of Evaline Karges Interiors, Inc. in Evansville, Indiana. They played a critical role in fulfilling First Lady Cheri Daniels' vision of featuring Indiana artists, authors and musicians throughout the house. Interior and exterior renovations were completed in August, and an open house was held for the public to view the newly renovated Governor's Residence.

2005

Gov. Mitch Daniels and First Lady Cheri Daniels charged the Commission with overseeing the renovations of the Residence. The Governor's Public Building Foundation was made responsible for soliciting volunteer contributions and private funding to support the exterior and interior renovations.

2002

J.W. McQuiston Architecture and Interior Design was chosen to create a 2,300-square-foot addition on the south end of the Residence, with new meeting and dining rooms and an elevator serving three floors.

1999

First Lady Judy O'Bannon and the Governor's Residence Commission began work with the state to decide how to make the Residence more accessible for the disabled.

1989

Gov. Evan Bayh's emphasis on physical fitness contributed to the installation of a basketball goal in the parking lot at the Residence.

1987

About 80 surplus items from the Residence were sold at an auction to raise funds for the continued redecoration of the house.

1981

First Lady Josie Orr commissioned Gilpin Ornamental Iron Works to design and install a 14-foot-high "birdcage" gazebo on the lawn of the Residence.

1973-74

The Governor's Residence Commission decided to acquire a six-acre estate at 4750 N. Meridian St. and make it the new home for Gov. Otis R. Bowen and his family.